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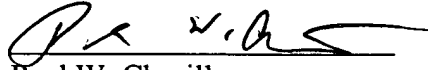
Applicants have canceled claims 2-15 of the original application, leaving claim 1 for the purposes of obtaining a filing date. The Applicants have also added claims 16-23 for the Examiner's consideration on the merits.

Respectfully Submitted,

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